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Mr. Paul Schmierbach, Environmental Program Manager  
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation  
Knoxville Field Office  
3711 Middlebrook Pike  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37921

Dear Mr. Schmierbach:

On October 1, 2010, the State of Tennessee (petitioner) submitted a petition to the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) to designate the area within 600 feet (1200 feet total) of all ridge lines lying within the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area and the Emory River Tracts Conservation Easement as unsuitable for surface coal mining pursuant to Section 522 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. On October 29, 2010, OSM responded to the petitioner and requested additional information in order to finalize the completeness review. The requested information was received by OSM on November 8, 2010.

In accordance with 30 CFR 764.13(b), OSM has determined the petition to be complete. We will now begin processing the petition and will keep you informed of developments and the next steps associated with the petition evaluation process.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (865) 545-4103, extension 130.

Sincerely,

Earl D. Bandy, Jr., Director  
Knoxville Field Office

cc: Mr. Aubrey D. McKinney, TWRA  
Elizabeth P. McCarter, Office of Attorney General  
Nashville, TN





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Mr. Aubrey D. McKinney, Chief of Environmental Services  
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency  
Ellington Agricultural Center  
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Nashville, Tennessee 37204

Dear Mr. McKinney:

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